



March 30, 2006

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Appointment of Novato Member of TAM to the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Marin Rail Transit District (SMART) – Agenda Item 5e

Dear Commissioners:

Executive Summary

At the March 14, 2006 Novato City Council meeting, committee assignments were reviewed by the Council, and Carole Dillon-Knutson was appointed Novato's TAM representative. This new appointment by the City of Novato requires TAM make a new appointment to SMART for the balance of the term.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Authority Board appoint Commissioner Dillon- Knutson, the Novato member of TAM, to the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District, pursuant to PUC Sections 105020(d) and (e).

Appointments to SMART by TAM of its Novato member is governed by PUC Code Sections 105020(d) and (e) which provide that the SMART representative is the member of the respective city council who also serves on TAM, as successor to the Marin County Congestion Management Agency.

The term for the Novato member appointment expires in 2007. At the March 14, 2006 Novato City Council meeting committee assignments were reviewed by the Council, and Carole Dillon-Knutson is now Novato's TAM representative. The new appointment by Novato requires TAM make a new appointment to SMART for the balance of the term.

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